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Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Maryland		1,000 Acres						1,000	
Corn ¹	ACR	490	470	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	425	400	153	142	65,025	56,800
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	60	----	20	----	1,200	----
Soybeans	BU	500	480	495	470	43	34	21,285	15,980
Winter Wheat	BU	160	155	145	145	59	66	8,555	9,570
Barley	BU	42	46	39	41	73	86	2,847	3,526
All Hay	TON	----	----	215	200	2.65	----	570	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	40	40	3.30	----	132	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	175	160	2.50	----	438	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.7	3.5	4.6	3.4	260	250	1,196	850
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	4.1	4.2
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	34,100	30,000
Delaware									
Corn ¹	ACR	160	160	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	153	150	152	135	23,256	20,250
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6	----	17	----	102	----
Soybeans	BU	210	185	208	182	42	29	8,736	5,278
Winter Wheat	BU	50	52	47	51	58	70	2,726	3,570
Barley	BU	29	29	26	27	80	81	2,080	2,187
All Hay	TON	----	----	14	15	2.93	----	41	----
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	6	6	3.90	----	23	----
Other Hay	TON	----	----	8	9	2.30	----	18	----
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	3.3	3.0	3.1	2.9	260	230	806	667
United States		1,000,000							
Corn ¹	ACR	80,930	81,642	----	----	----	----	----	----
Corn Grain	BU	----	----	73,632	74,333	160	148	11,807	11,032
Corn Silage	TON	----	----	6,103	----	18	----	107	----
Soybeans	BU	75,208	72,200	73,958	71,270	42	43	3,124	3,043
Wheat, Winter	BU	43,350	40,320	34,462	33,680	44	44	1,499	1,494
Barley	BU	4,527	3,922	4,021	3,276	70	65	280	212
All Hay	TON	----	----	61,916	61,723	2.55	2.48	158	153
Alfalfa Hay	TON	----	----	21,707	22,118	3.47	3.43	75	76
Other Hay	TON	----	----	40,209	39,605	2.05	1.94	82	77
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	58.4	50.3	53.9	48.3	340	334	18	16
Peaches	TON	----	----	----	----	----	----	1.3	1.2
Apples	LBS	----	----	----	----	----	----	10,420	9,379

1 Acres planted is for all purposes.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES

Commodity ¹	Unit	United States			Parity
		October 2004	September 2005	October 2005	
Dollars					
Wheat, Winter	BU	3.34	3.28	3.42	10.60
Corn	BU	2.14	1.90	1.74	7.08
Barley	BU	2.29	2.36	2.43	7.17
Soybeans	BU	5.56	5.77	5.44	17.10
All Hay, Baled	TON	92.80	99.00	97.70	----
Apples, Fresh	LB	0.261	0.288	0.286	0.556
All Beef Cattle	CWT	86.50	88.20	90.80	184.00
Calves	CWT	126.00	133.00	132.00	249.00
Hogs	CWT	52.20	49.50	48.80	114.00
Broilers	LB	0.390	0.460	0.430	----
Turkeys, Live	LB	0.481	0.507	0.529	1.080
Eggs, Market	DOZ	0.306	0.465	0.314	1.79

1/ Agricultural Prices are published at the end of each month throughout the year for the United States and selected states. Maryland is not in the monthly prices program; however, price information is available for Maryland commodities at the end of each production year. Throughout the year on Friday, the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service in cooperation with the Maryland Department of Agriculture publishes the Maryland Grain and Livestock report. This report contains current commodity price quotes from local and regional markets throughout Maryland and can be viewed at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/md/rlsetoc.htm#Grain>

ANNOUNCING OUR END-OF-YEAR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION SURVEYS

Our office is currently conducting our year-end crop and livestock production surveys which are designed to measure final crop production and livestock inventory. Crop year 2005 can probably best be described as eventful as cool, wet conditions delayed planting, dry August weather stressed late season crops, and September delivered record rainfall. Only with your direct input, through response to our agricultural surveys, can we accurately describe how these events affected agriculture in our State.

The December Agricultural Survey will provide final harvested acreage, yield, and production data for the following Maryland crops: Corn, Soybeans, Alfalfa Hay, and Other Hay. In addition Hog, Cattle, Sheep, and Goat inventory will be measured on separate livestock surveys.

Results of these comprehensive survey efforts will be released in January. If you are contacted please know that your confidential data will be used solely to produce end-of-year crop and livestock statistics for Maryland Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to accurately portray Maryland agriculture. Happy Thanksgiving.

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